(b) to (d) The number of violent incidents in 2006 was at the same level as that of 2005. However, during the current year till 31st July, 2007 compared to relevant period in 2006, there has been some increase in violence. This is primarily due to the step-up in violent activities by ULFA in Assam and Meitie outfits in Manipur.

Documentary film on the occasion of 150th Anniversary of India's struggle for independence

†1154. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make some special documentary film on the occasion of 150th anniversary of struggle for independence;

(b) if **so,** the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the progress made so far to make this documentary film?

The MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Yes Sir, the Government proposes to make some documentary films on the occasion of 150th anniversary of First War of Independence, 1857. Some documentary films have been made to commemorate India's struggle for independence.

(b) and (c) Details are given in the Statement.

Statement

Film on 150th Anniversary of first war of Independence, 1857

1. On the occasion of anniversary of Quit India Movement, Films Division produced a film on Quit India movement for Doordarshan which was telecast on 8.8.2007.

2 On occasion of Independence Day, Films Division has produced a film "Freedom And Progress" from the material of its archive showing all the Prime Ministers since India's independence explaining their policies and hoisting the flag at Red Fort. The film was telecast on Doordarshan on 15th August, 2007.

3. Film on Gandhiji in South Africa has been completed.

4. Films Division has covered the function on commemorating 150th anniversary of the First War of Independence in New Delhi on 10th May, 2007 at Meerut, Red Fort, Vijay Chowk, etc. and a documentary of 20 mins. duration is being produced for theatrical release. The film is presently at editing stage.

5. Film on Gandhiji and Non-Violence, Gandhiji's influence on World Community etc. for telecast on Doordarshan. The film will also be released in the theatrical circuit of Films Division. The film is at editing stage.

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6. Number of films on Gandhij's various policies, activities, philosophy and his role in freedom movement will be provided by Films Division for telecast on Doordarshan.

7. Films Division will produce a documentary based on the Satyagraha centenary celebrations, Gandhiji's last journey and nations' commitment to Gandhiji's philosophy etc. for telecast on Doordarshan. The film is at scripting stage.

8. A comprehensive film or quickies on various aspects of Gandhiji's life including Communal Harmony, Satyagraha Ahimsa, Gandhij's speech on peace and Gandhiji's popular songs. The film is at scripting stage.

9. A film on trial of INA by Panditji as a lawyer is also being produced. The film is at scripting stage.

Films Division will also undertake the production of the following films:

A. Maha Rani Lakshmibai of Jhansi - The film is based on the life of Maharani Lakshmi Bai of Jhansi who fought in the first war of Independence against the British in 1857.

B. Train Theatre Exclusively on Freedom Struggle Movement & Fighters of India - Film on Train Theatre exclusively on Freedom Struggle Movement and Fighters of India.

It is further stated that Films Division has produced number of films on Freedom Movement/Satyagraha as also on national leaders and freedom fighters.

Following 18 biographical film on freedom fighters have been proposed for production for commemorating the 150th anniversary of the First War of Independence, 1857:

1. Ashfaqulla Khan
2 Acharya Narendra Deo
3. Aruna Asaf Ali
4. Bishnu Ram Medhi
5. Chandra Singh Garhwali
6. Khuddiram Bose
7. K Keiappan
8. Kunwar Singh
9. Madanlal Dhingra
10. Ramprasad Bismil
11. Udham Singh
12. Vijay Singh Pathik

13. Shahmaljat

14. Jhalkari Bai

15. Begum Hazrat Mahal

16. Jatin Das

17. Bagha Jatin of Bengal

18. Mrs. Matangini Hazra

Radio coverage in border areas

†1155. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps being taken to strengthen the radio coverage in border areas of the country;

(b) whether new radio stations proposed for Uttarakhand in the Tenth Plan period have started functioning; and

(c) if not, the broadcasting stations which have been affected due to delay and by when these stations would start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Yes, Sir. For strengthening the radio coverage in border areas, following Plans have been implemented:

1. J and K Special Plan Phase-I has been completed. Under this plan 9 projects have been commissioned and 3 are technically ready.

2. As part of North East Plan Phase-I, two FM transmitters at Itanagar and Kohima are ready.

3. In May, 2006, following transmitters have been approved under North East Special Plan Phase-II:

   (0 1 kW FM transmitter at 19 new places.

   (ii) 5 kW FM transmitter at Silchar.

   (iii) 10 kW FM transmitter at Gangtok.

   (iv) Replacement of 1000 kW MW transmitter at Chinsurah (W.B.) by same power transmitter.

   (v) 100 Nos. of 100 Watt FM transmitters for uncovered areas.

Further, 1000 kW MW transmitter at Rajkot is being replaced by a new transmitter of same power.

(b) and (c) The details are given in the Statement.

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